

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9255

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANTANANARIVO 0975

E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS: TSPA  
SUBJECT: NASA STATION

REF: ANTANANARIVO 0843

1. FURTHER TO REFTEL THERE FOLLOWS THE SUGGESTED TEXT  
OF A NOTE WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY  
SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT AND NASA CONCURRENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT ... AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO ITS  
NOTES 165 OF AUGUST 7, 1975, AND 235 OF DECEMBER 23, 1975.,  
REGARDING THE AMERICAN NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE  
AGENCY (NASA) STATION AT IMERINTSIATOSIKA, WHICH CEASED  
OPERATIONS ON JULY 14, 1975.

ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR (DRM)  
CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL OF THE STATION PROPERTY NO AGREEMENT  
HAS YET BEEN REACHED. PENDING SUCH AGREEMENT THE EMBASSY  
WOULD LIKE TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN NASA PROPERTY, AFFECTED BY  
THE CESSATION OF OPERATIONS, BUT WHICH IS NOT PRESENTLY  
IN THE NASA COMPOUND. SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO ARE  
16 VEHICLES NOW LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE EMBASSY  
RESIDENCE.

AS THESE VEHICLES ARE PRESENTLY DETERIORATING  
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FROM LACK OF USE IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DRM CONSIDER  
THE DISPOSAL OF THESE VEHICLES BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
METHODS:

1) SALE AT AUCTION OF THESE VEHICLES, SUCH SALE TO BE  
CONDUCTED BY THE EMBASSY, AND THE PROCEEDS TO BE PLACED IN  
A SPECIAL ACCOUNT, THE DISPOSITION OF WHICH WOULD DEPEND

UPON A FINAL SETTLEMENT ON DISPOSAL OF ALL NASA PROPERTY.

2) OUTRIGHT TRANSFER OF THESE VEHICLES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRM, WITH THE LATTER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR REMOVAL FROM THEIR PRESENT LOCATION, SUCH A TRANSFER IN NO WAY PREJUDICING THE EVENTUAL MANNER OF DISPOSAL OF OTHER NASA PROPERTY.

THE EMBASSY, WHILE AWAITING THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR ON THE SUBJECT, SEIZES THIS OCCASION... END TEXT

3. AS ADDRESSEES CAN SEE, IN ORDER TO SIMPLIFY THE ISSUE I HAVE DECIDED TO LEAVE OUT THE TWO BUSES CITED IN REFTEL AND CONCENTRATE ONLY ON THE 16 VANS LOCATED AT THE RESIDENCE.

4. LOOK FORWARD TO WASHINGTON COMMENTS.BARRETT

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